## **EUROPE**

1. GERMANY: Socialist Views on draft constitution—According to Acting US Political Adviser Riddleberger in Berlin, the German Socialist Party (SPD) expects to continue the Bonn discussions on the basis of new proposals for the West German draft constitution. Riddleberger states that (SPD) moderate leaders as well as the SPD delegation at Bonn now expect ultimate agreement at Bonn on a text acceptable to the occupying powers, but that the SPD extremists who opposed the original draft still consider such an outcome unlikely.

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2. CHINA: <u>US Ambassador scheduled to return</u>—The Department of State has advised US Ambassador Stuart to remain in Nanking until the Communist regime is firmly established there. Stuart is then to return to Washington for consultation. Meanwhile, Stuart reports that Acting President Li and remaining top officials have fled Nanking and that all Nationalist troops deployed for defense of the Yangtze river have been ordered to withdraw south of Hangchow. According to Stuart, the ridiculously easy Communist crossing of the Yangtze was made possible by Nationalist defections at key points, disagreements in the Nationalist high command and the failure of the air force to provide effective support.

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